

Center for Excellence in Education

Goal Area: Increasing Public Understanding about Math and Science

Summary: The Role Models Program (RMP) is an annual program for approximately 100 students per year (25 per site in 4 sites across the U.S.). In conjunction with four U.S. universities, CEE works with high schools in Chicago, Houston, Washington, DC and Los Angeles to identify students from minority and economically disadvantaged populations, and to provide them with exposure to a wide variety of career options in math and the sciences as well as information on college admissions, financial aid and professional development.

Purpose: To encourage academically disadvantaged students to pursue careers in math and science and to provide them with information about career opportunities.

Accomplishments/Results: In RMP's ten year history, most students have gone on to successfully pursue a college degree. Several have gone on to pursue graduate degrees in the sciences, technology or math.

Plans for the next 12 months: The RMP will continue as an annual program, with the possibility of expanding to additional cities if funding were available. In addition, CEE would like to strengthen the alumni tracking and follow-up component of the program, if funding were available.